

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 501

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Buddy Wade Moore of Tiptonville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Buddy Wade Moore; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Wade Moore served with acumen and alacrity as the Lake County Assessor of Property, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, even before entering politics, Mr. Moore began to establish a record of serving his fellow citizens: early in his life, he rendered sterling service as a soldier in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a savvy politician, Mr. Moore realized early in his career that one key to electoral success is the early voter; he worked assiduously to court early voters whenever he came up for re-election; and

WHEREAS, his thirty-seven years of uninterrupted service as the Assessor of Property made him the longest continuously serving elected official in Lake County; and

WHEREAS, despite his considerable political skills, Mr. Moore did have a brush or two with defeat; perhaps the most dramatic near-miss came in 2000, when he narrowly won re-election by eleven votes; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service as the Assessor of Property, Mr. Wade sat on the Tiptonville City Board as an Alderman, and he also served as the Police Commissioner of his hometown; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Wade Moore was certainly a towering figure in Lake County politics, but he devoted considerable time and energy to other pursuits as well; and

WHEREAS, outside the Assessor's office, Mr. Moore used his considerable leadership skills as a coach for dozens of youth league and adult baseball and softball teams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore loved to watch a wide variety of sports on television, and he kept an especially close eye on the Lake County Falcons, following its outstanding boys basketball team in particular; and

WHEREAS, he also loved the land of Tennessee, and worked it as a farmer his whole life; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Wade Moore was an active and devout member of the Crockett Chapel United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Wade Moore enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Regina S. Moore, and was the proud father of two sons, Michael Wade Moore and Buddy Wade Moore II, and three daughters, Michelle Morgan, Shannon Moore McCoy, and Michelle "Nikki" Moore; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by his brother, General Douglas "Mickey" Moore, his mother-in-law, Sammie Sharp, his daughter-in-law, Charlotte Moore, and his son-in-law, Bob Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Moore will be sorely missed by his six grandchildren, Dawana Moore Page, Bracy Lane McCoy, B. J. Morgan, Michael Wade "Mikey" Moore II, Jonathan Brad Smith, and Shea Morgan Work, as well as three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, he was preceded in death by his parents Oborn and Pearl Lannom Moore, his brother, Billy Harold Moore, and his sister, Colleen Moore Sprague; and

WHEREAS, Buddy Wade Moore leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Buddy Wade Moore, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Moore.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.